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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/312,073
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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a.  Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on **February 19, 2002**  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other **IDS Filed February 28, 2002**

b.  Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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